

## House Resolution No. 4589

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it altogether fitting and proper to pause in the course of their daily activities to recognize those individuals who have risked their lives in defense of this great nation; and

**Whereas**, a ceremony is planned for Tuesday, September 4, 2007, in the Missouri State Capitol Rotunda, when Missouri Governor Matt Bunt, representatives from the Missouri Veterans Commission, and representatives from the Missouri National Guard Adjutant General's office will present to Missouri Vietnam-era veterans the first Missouri Vietnam War medal, medallion, and certificate of appreciation; and

**Whereas**, United States Coast Guard Seaman Richard J. Hagan, who valiantly served our country between April 3, 1972 and April 2, 1976, will be among those veterans who will receive the Missouri Vietnam Medal during the September 4 ceremony; and

**Whereas**, when Missouri Governor Matt Blunt signed HB 978 on June 13, 2006, the "Missouri Vietnam War Medallion Program" was created; and

**Whereas**, the program allows every veteran who honorably served on active duty in the United States military service at any time beginning February 28, 1961 and ending May 7, 1975 who was a legal resident of Missouri at the time he or she entered or was discharged from military service or at the time of his or her death entitled to receive a Vietnam War Medal, medallion, and certificate of appreciation:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to Seaman Richard J. Hagan on the auspicious occasion of being among the first Missouri Vietnam-era veterans to receive the Missouri Vietnam War Medal, in commemoration of the inestimable service given to this state and to our nation; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Seaman Richard J. Hagan, as a measure of our appreciation.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Joe Smith  
District No. 14

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 4589, adopted August 30, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker